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27 JUN 1946

The Honorable

The Attorney General

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The Military Intelligence Division of the War Department, together with the Office of Naval Intelligence and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have been making a study of needed improvements in the espionage laws of the United States. This study has been based on experience with existing statutes during the recent war.

There are inclosed herewith several recommendations for new legislation which, it is believed, accord with the realities of this situation and which will serve to strengthen the security of the nation. The three intelligence agencies are in accord in this matter and it is understood that you will receive similar recommendations from the Secretary of the Navy and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It is requested that these recommendations be given careful consideration by your Department with a view to the initiation of the necessary legislation in the Congress. In this connection the War Department will be glad to give such assistance as you may desire and as may be practicable.

Sincerely yours,

/signed/ ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

Inclosures

Recommendations

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